WORKPLACE SAFETY EVALUATION

NAME	DATE
DEPARTMENT	DIVISION
TITLE	

WORKING CONDITIONS	YES	NO
The workstation is designed or arranged for doing VDT tasks so it allows		
the employee's		
A. Head and neck to be about upright (not bent down/back).		
B. Head, neck, and trunk to face forward (not twisted).		
C. Trunk to be about perpendicular to floor (not leaning		
forward/backward)		
D. Shoulders and upper arms to be about perpendicular to floor (not		
stretched forward) and relaxed (not elevated).		
E. Upper arms and elbows to be close to body (not extended outward).		
F. Forearms, wrists, and hands to be straight and parallel to floor (not		
pointing up/down).		
G. Wrists and hands to be straight (not bent up/down or sideways		
toward little finger).		
H. Thighs to be about parallel to floor and lower legs to be about		
perpendicular to floor.		
Feet to rest flat on floor or be supported by a stable footrest.		
J. VDT tasks to be organized in a way that allows employee to vary VDT		
tasks with other work activities, or to take micro-breaks or recovery		
pauses while at the VDT workstation.		
SEATING	YES	NO
The chair		
Backrest provides support for employee's lower back (lumbar area).		
2. Seat width and depth accommodate specific employee (seatpan not		
too big/small).		
3. Seat front does not press against the back of employee's knees and		
lower legs (seatpan not too long).		
4. Seat has cushioning and is rounded – has "waterfall" front (no sharp		
edge).		
5. Armrests support both forearms while employee performs VDT tasks		
and do not interfere with movement.		
KEYBOARD/INPUT DEVICE	YES	NO
The keyboard/input device is designed or arranged for doing VDT tasks		
so that		
6. Keyboard/input device platform(s) is stable and large enough to hold		
keyboard and input device.		
7. Input device (mouse or track ball) is located right next to keyboard so		
it can be operated without reaching.		
8. Input device is easy to activate and shape/size fits hand of specific		
employee (no too big/small).		
9. Wrists and hands do not rest on sharp or hard edge.		
10. Top line of screen is at or below eye level so employee is able to		
read it without bending head or neck down/back.		
11. Employee with bifocals/trifocals is able to read screen without		
bending head or neck backward.		

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12. Monitor distance allows employee to read screen without leaning		
head, neck, or trunk forward/backward.		
13. Monitor position is directly in front of employee so employee does		
not have to twist head or neck.		
14. No glare (e.g., from windows, lights) is present on the screen		
which might cause employee to assume an awkward position to read		
screen.		
WORK AREA	YES	NO
The work area is designed or arranged for doing VDT tasks so that		
15. Thighs have clearance space between chair and VDT		
table/keyboard platform (thighs not trapped).		
16. Legs and feet have clearance space under VDT table so		
employee is able to get close enough to keyboard/input device.		
<u>ACCESSORIES</u>	YES	NO
17. Document holder, if provided, is stable and large enough to hold		
documents that are used.		
18. Document holder, if provided, is placed at about the same height		
and distance as monitor screen so there is little head movement when		
employee looks from document to screen.		
19. Wrist rest, if provided, is padded and free of sharp and square		
edges.		
20. Wrist rest, if provided, allows employee to keep forearms, wrists,		
and hands straight and parallel to ground when using keyboard/input		
device.		
21. Telephone can be used with head upright (not bent) and		
shoulders relaxed (not elevated) if employee does VDT tasks at the		
same time.		
<u>GENERAL</u>	YES	NO
22. Workstation and equipment have sufficient adjustability so that		
the employee is able to be in a safe working posture and to make		
occasional changes in posture while performing VDT tasks.		
23. VDT workstation, equipment, and accessories are maintained in		
serviceable condition and function properly.		